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Serial No.: 10/820,098 ) Group Art Unit No.: 3663  
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Title: OPTICAL SWITCH USING )  
RARE EARTH DOPED GLASS )

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment is submitted contemporaneously with the Request for Continued Examination filed in response to the Advisory Action dated October 24, 2006.